World History: The Modern Era

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World History: The Modern Era encompasses the evolution of modern Europe since the Renaissance; concurrent developments in Asia, Africa, and the Islamic world; the global impact of the Industrial Revolution; and the last hundred years of conflicts and international cooperation. It offers a comprehensive electronic library of historical reference materials and interactive curricular units, plus tools for enhancing lectures, creating research lists, developing student activities, and addressing the learning styles of all students.

Overview of World History: The Modern Era

On the homepage, you'll find special features including "Living History" and "Spotlight On..." articles that provide you with detailed information on a particular topic in world history.

In the vertical toolbar on the left-hand side, you'll see links to the Topic Explorations and Advanced Search, along with tools including Ask the Cybrarian—a special feature that allows you to submit a question to an ABC-CLIO Schools editor—and research lists. If your teacher has created a list of resources for you to review, this is where you'll find them.

You'll also find the following search options:

- Site Search is the best for quick searches on one or two keywords
- Use Advanced Search to narrow your search down to a specific time period or category
- Topic Explorations are great for research or review when you need help getting started

Using Site Search

Located at the top left of every screen, Site Search offers a quick text search of all content areas of the database.

Searches look for all words entered.

- Use a comma to separate multiple search terms
  Example: World War II, Britain
- Use "or" to find either word
  Example: Germany or Britain
- Use "-" to exclude a word
  Example: Roosevelt, -Franklin
- For an exact phrase, enclose in quotation marks
  Example: "Battle of Britain"

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Using Advanced Search

- Get instant access to thousands of reference resources by choosing one or a combination of criteria, then clicking on the Search button
- To narrow a search by time period, select a specific topic or subtopic from the list on the right
- To further narrow a search by type of resource, select a category (or categories) from the Reference list (in blue)
- Enter any relevant key words into the text box, following the same guidelines as when using a basic search
- The categories include biographies, audio clips, overview essays, and primary source documents

  The red Additional Resource list offers an archive of topic explorations as well as the feature stories found on the home page

Search Results

- Whether you use a basic or advanced search, your results will be returned in a format similar to the screen on the left.
- All search results will be sorted into categories. Each category provides different resources for use in your research
- For example, in this search we are using the keyword World War II.
  - If you want to read an overview of the war itself, including participating contries, choose events.
  - If you're interested in reading about the lives of key players, choose the biographies link.
  - Additional resources, including topic explorations and feature articles can be found in the shaded boxes at the bottom of the page.

Using Topic Explorations

- The Topic Explorations are a great starting point for research or review
- First, choose the relevant time period by clicking on the right-hand tool bar
- Once a time period has been chosen, a second sreen will pop up. Here, you will again narrow your search by time period, then choose a broad theme to research
- Once you've chosen a theme, you'll be taken to an overview page. You can use the toolbar above the overview to navigate to other features—including quizzes, biographies, discussion questions, and research lists—in the topic exploration